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Connecticut Association of Realtors Donates \$2,300 to Raymond Library



(June 18, 2015) **East Hartford, CT** – On the steps of the Central Avenue entrance to Raymond Library Thursday afternoon, the Connecticut Association of Realtors presented a check of \$2,300 to Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc and Library Director Susan Hansen. The donation was the result of a Placemaking Micro Grant that the CT Association of Realtors received from the national organization. Placemaking grants are aimed at funding small, inexpensive, and incremental community projects. The donation will be used to help create a butterfly garden, which will be located on the Main Street side of Raymond Library.

Mayor Leclerc appreciated the donation to the library and stressed that every donation is a contribution to a long-standing institution.

“This money will help create a garden which the community can enjoy and be proud of,” Mayor Leclerc said. “Every single contribution to Raymond Library brings us closer to a building that will stand the test of time and provide an experience that will blow our residents away when the library becomes open to the public.”

The Butterfly Garden will consist of four raised stone plant beds, holding Perennials, which are known to attract butterflies.

The garden is a major point of pride for Library Director Susan Hansen, and she thanked the CT Association of Realtors for providing the last piece of financing that brought the garden to fruition.

“I am delighted that our butterfly garden was awarded this money from the CT Association of Realtors, Hansen said. “With their initial support as “seed” money, we were able to raise all the necessary funds for this project.”